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Indian Energy Solutions Conference

& American Spirit Award, 2009



photo courtesy/SU Chairman's Office

The American Spirit Award was presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, The Honorable Matthew Box, Chairman, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, 2009. Standing alongside Chairman Box is David Lester CERT Executive Director.

Media Release

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Chairman Matthew Box, Council Man Steve Herrera Sr., Council Woman Barbara Scott-Rarick; Bruce Valdez, Executive Director Growth Fund; Travis Taylor, Superintendent of Operations of Red Willow; Rebecca Kauffman, President/COO for Southern Ute Alternative LLC and Jerry Bruner, Energy Department Manager, attended the 2009

Indian Energy Solutions Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma and on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 Chairman Box accepted the "American Spirit Award" on behalf of the Southern Ute Tribe.

This award honors a person or organization who consistently demonstrates the courage, conviction and capability that are at the heart of the American character. The 2009 American Spirit Award was being presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Southern Ute people, and

their inspirational elected leadership, exemplify the values of strength, generosity, and dedication. The Tribe is the embodiment of the CERT mission – to prudently use their energy resources as the foundation to achieve the Tribe's vision.

Chairman Box gave a welcome speech at the 2009 Indian Energy Solutions Conference on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 and accepted the American Spirit Award on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Ignacio Senior Center Receives Grant

Media Release

SUCAP

The Ignacio Senior Center, 115 North Goddard Ave., has received a grant from the Daniels Fund of Denver to help support its senior nutrition program. The Senior Center, which serves all elders and the homebound of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, the town of Ignacio, and rural

southeastern La Plata County, provides Meals on Wheels five days per week and group meals at the Center three days per week. The Center delivers and serves almost 20,000 meals each year.

"This welcome grant will help so much with our most important program, senior nutrition," said Karla Baird, Program Director at the Senior Center. "Good nutrition helps our elders stay healthy, independent and in their own homes."

The Daniels Fund operates the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program and the Daniels Fund Grants Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The fund was established in 1997 by Bill Daniels, a pioneer in cable television known for his kindness and generosity to those in need.

For further information, or to request service, call Kathy at the Senior Center, (970) 563-4561.

PowWow Honors

Veterans & Families

Vice Commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Rod Grove, is pictured here honoring Jeff Begay of the Bushmasters Gourd Dance Society with a Pendleton, "Grateful Nation", blanket. Mr. Begay hails from Phoenix, Arizona. The 4th Annual Veterans Powwow was held at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

by Lynda D'Wolfe

On November 7, 2009 the Southern Ute Veterans Association hosted their 4th Annual PowWow. In attendance were Veterans from our sister tribes, the Northern Utes, Ute Mountain Utes, and our neighbors the Jicarilla Apache and Bushmaster Veterans from Arizona and others. The celebration of our Veterans started off with Invocation given by Leo Tapoof, member of the Northern

Ute Tribe, and the Welcome was given by our Council woman Barbara Scott-Rarick. The afternoon was spent Gourd Dancing with Andrew Frost as the Head Gourd Dancer. Jack Frost J. honored the Marines Corp it was their Birthday November 10 during the Gourd Dance session. Supper brake was held at 5pm.

Evening session began with Elder Clifford Duncan given the invocation, a veteran from the Northern Ute Tribe; Command Howard Richard along with Chairman Box gave the Welcome.

The committee held a special honoring the "Mothers of the Veterans" there were four mothers that were honored. The "Hand Drum" special was next, there were ten teams. The "Two-Step" special also had ten couples competing for the 1st place. During the evening there other specials, families honoring their Veterans.

It was a day of remembrance and celebration of the lives of our Veterans. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those individuals in

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Southern Ute General Election

Results In A Run-off Election

Certification of Election Results

None of the candidates for the position of Tribal Council received the majority vote of 167. According to the Election Code, a Run-Off Election will be held within 45 days, between the (4) Four Candidates who received the highest votes: Howard D. Richards Sr., Barbara Scott-Rarick, Joycelyn Dutchie, and Jimmy Newton, Jr. The Election Board recommends approval of the certification of results of the General Election and to approve the Run-Off Election to be set on December 18, 2009. Election to be held at SunUte from 7am-7pm. See Run-Off Election Memorandum, page 3.

Total Numbers	
Registered Voters	819
Ballots Distributed	360
Votes Cast	665
Ballots Cast	357
Ballots Cast in Person	321
Absentee Ballots Distributed	39
Absentee Ballots Cast	36
Absentee Ballots Not Returned	03
Ballots Spoiled/Void	11

Candidate for Office of Tribal Council	Number Of Votes
Howard D. Richards Sr.	98
Barbara Scott-Rarick	98
Corliss Taylor	66
Joycelyn Dutchie	89
Byron Frost	77
Jimmy Newton Jr.	157
Elise Redd	39
Joyce Delaware	41



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Southern Ute Tribal Member Lisa Burch casts her vote on Friday, November 6, 2009 at SunUte polling center.

Southern Ute Run-Off Election

Friday, December 18, 2009 - SunUte Community Center
Howard D. Richards, Sr. Barbara Scott-Rarick
Joycelyn Dutchie Jimmy Newton, Jr.



Net-Zero Energy Affordable Home Breaks Ground In Ignacio



photo courtesy/Regional Housing Alliance

Net-Zero groundbreaking attendees, (l-r) Lawrence Bartley, Ignacio Town Trustee; Pat Senecal, Ignacio Town Planner; George Whitt, Mayor of Ignacio; Julie Simmons, Colorado Housing Inc. Executive Director; Ophelia Wilkins, Regional Housing Alliance Rose Architectural Fellow; Natalie Carpenter, Colorado Housing Inc Board Member and CHI homeowner.

Media Release

Regional Housing Alliance

On the morning of Friday, November 13, a small crowd gathered in Ignacio's Candelaria Heights subdivision to celebrate the groundbreaking of La Plata County's first net-zero energy affordable home.

Colorado Housing Inc. (CHI) and the Regional Housing Alliance (RHA) have partnered to design and construct a net-zero energy single-family home which will be sold to a family at or below 80% of the area median income. After months of planning and design of the home, the team is ready to begin construction.

Groundbreaking attendees included Ignacio Mayor George Whitt, Town Trustee Lawrence Bartley, representatives of CHI

and RHA, representatives of other local agencies including 4CORE and SUCAP, and Ignacio residents.

The goal of building a net-zero energy affordable home originated from a request from the Town of Ignacio Board of Trustees. The lot on which the home will be constructed originally belonged to the Town of Ignacio. During negotiations with CHI for the sale of the land, the Town explicitly requested that the home be "built green."

In order to reach the ambitious goal of net-zero energy, the home employs several energy efficient construction methods and renewable energy systems. The walls and roof will be constructed of SIPS, (Structural Insulated Panel System), which have 125% the insulation value required by code. The heating system will be

a combination of passive solar gain supplemented with a geo-exchange system tied to in-floor radiant heat. Domestic hot water will be powered by solar thermal panels with an electric resistive back-up. Appliances will be powered by solar-electric panels.

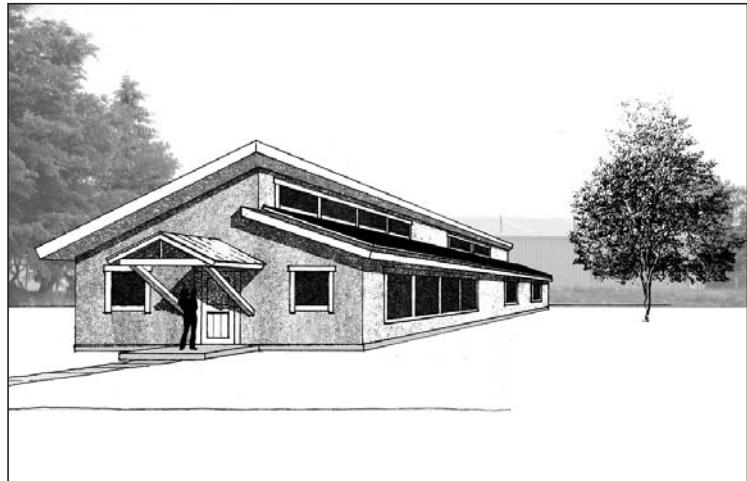
In a ceremonial speech, Town Mayor George Whitt described the home as "a house of the future." He went on to say "We've got a lot of houses to build in this area. We hope this [example] will rub off on other people who will come by, take a look at it, and use it as a model."

CHI Executive Director Julie Simmons thanked the town for its support of affordable housing and recognized the success of CHI's partnership with the RHA. The partnership allowed them to overcome the two greatest obstacles to building in Ignacio: recruiting buyers and finding land. "CHI has been trying to build in Ignacio for eight years. This is the first [CHI home in Ignacio], and hopefully isn't the last."

CHI and the RHA are currently seeking potential homebuyers for this exciting new project.

CHI also has current self-help opportunities in Bayfield, Cortez and Pagosa Springs.

For more information, please contact the RHA at (970) 259-1418.



Net-Zero Energy House rendering by Ophelia Wilkins.

Express Your Opinions

Response To Shelley Thompson

In response to the second issue of concern addressed by Ms. Thompson's "To Tribal Membership" editorial, a door has been open regarding the tribe's museum. Before I begin, I would like to thank Shelly for addressing the museum's employment and fundraising activities.

As a Southern Ute Tribal member, I have been directly involved in the museum field, beginning with the Museum of Nature and Science (formerly Natural History Museum) in Denver. My involvement has included direct working relationships with the Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ; Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock, AZ; Animas Museum, Durango, CO, Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, and professional ties with the Buffalo Bill Museum, Cody, WY.

I once read an internship advertisement in the Southern Ute Drum for the museum and made an appointment for an interview. I arrived for my appointment with Lynn Brittner, Museum Director, but she left right before our meeting. The museum staff, under the impression Ms. Brittner would return shortly because they were all aware of our meeting, ended up calling around the tribal campus looking for her. The staff was unable to locate her. I left after waiting just over an hour. I called afterwards, but she never called back with an explanation, excuse, apology, or to reschedule.

The Curator at the Center of Southwest Studies, Jeanne Brako, arranged a meeting to discuss my qualifications as an intern with our tribal museum. After confirming a lunch appointment with Ms. Brittner, a room was reserved and lunch was ordered for the three of us. Again, Lynn Brittner, did not show up.

Earlier this summer (2009), the Durango Herald advertised a tribal museum computer position. I called the museum for a proper job title to complete my job application. I was told the position had been pulled, would be re-advertised at the end of the summer, and to submit my application then. The position was never re-

advertised because a former museum colleague was hired mid-summer by the director.

As far as the construction of the new museum, I only know that other non-profits, museums included, wish they had a faucet of money without having to fundraise or to match funds.

The missed meetings I experienced at the beginning of this editorial occurred in the latter half of the 1990's, yet the pattern of dismissing tribal members for tribal employment in tribal entities continues despite tribal member preference rhetoric in this new century.

Sadly, the museum director only has to be as responsible and accountable as the museum's Board of Directors make her, all of whom are tribal members. It would be helpful to have a response from the tribal member museum Board of Directors. Maybe they can provide me and other tribal members with instructions for employment at the museum, because a formal education, job experience and tribal membership aren't enough.

Respectfully,
Linda Baker

Open Letter to the Tribal Membership

I want to say a special "Thank You" to the 98 individuals who placed their vote and confidence in my candidacy during the Tribal Election on November 6th. I am glad to see your commitment to allow me to be a voice of the as a candidate. I am asking for your support in the upcoming run-off election on December 18th.

I would also like to say "Thank You" to Ms. Shelly Thompson for her written support in the last edition of the Southern Ute Drum. It is good to see a young person looking for facts to base a decision on.

Congratulations to all who stood up for running in the election as it is always a challenge to put yourself out into public display. All of the candidates did an outstanding job during "Meet the Candidates Night". I would like to offer a wish of good luck to those in the run-off election.

Thank You,
Barbara Scott-Rarick
Southern Ute Tribal Member

Richards' Thanks

I would like to thank those Tribal Member's that voted for me in this last General Election. I ask of you this time for your vote and support. I will always strive to address your concerns and those of the entire membership. Again a BIG THANK YOU, may the Creator watch over each and every one of you this Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,
Howard D. Richards, Sr.
Candidate for Tribal Council
Member

Letter to the Editor

Are you thinking of applying for a job within the Southern Ute Indian Tribal organization? Be forewarned of the work environment, Tribal Members are viewed as uncivilized, verbally abusive and physically violent people. Individuals who are currently employed with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe believe this statement to be an accurate description of the very people they serve. The Tribal Membership.

It is unacceptable that these individuals would include this statement in any job description. On November 9, 2009 several nation wide websites advertised for a Clinical Director in their job listing section, the following statement was included under work environment.

"May occasionally be subject to verbal abuse, threats, and physical violence from angry, hostile, or disgruntled patients and/or family members."

Job descriptions with this statement were advertised on Healthcare IT Job spot, Ju Ju Jobsearch, Job Target LLC., and Jobs at Blue Badger.com. A modified version of the same job description was advertised on Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website; however it did not include this deplorable statement.

This statement is derogatory and should not be tolerated! Not only does it reflect negatively on the community, but also on you and your family, but also on our community and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elise Redd
Southern Ute Tribal Member

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 24-6-402, C.R.S., that the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs will conduct a public meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009 in Boulder, Colorado. The meeting will be held at the University of Colorado School of Law, Wolf Law Building, Boulder, Colorado 80309. For directions and parking instructions, please contact: (303) 492-3084. Please contact Ernest House, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs at (303) 866-3027 or (Ernest.House@state.co.us) for further information, including a copy of the agenda.

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Memorandum Southern Ute Tribal 2009 Run-Off Election

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2009 Run-Off Election, according to the Constitution and the Election Code.

Run-Off Election - December 18, 2009

Voter Registration Deadline - December 7, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline - December 7, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

The application, letter, or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

Emergency Ballot Request Deadline - December 17, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests.

The written request shall contain the following: (a) the voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and (c) The voter's signature.

The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303, or 1-800- 772-1236 ext. 2303. The Election Board Office will be open on Monday thru Friday, during the hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Native American Actor, Wes Studi Graces Fort Lewis College

by Rachel Beckelhymer
special to the Drum

Wes Studi strutted onto the stage with all the air of a true movie star. He had every reason to feel proud, as the honored lecturer at the 2009 Fort Lewis College Native American Presidential Lecture Series, at the Community Concert Hall in Durango, Colorado. The annual lecture in honor of Native American Heritage Month highlights a Native American luminary, and Wes Studi was up to the challenge as he spun yarns for a packed house on Thursday evening, November 5. After sharing the colorful stories from his life, he stayed to pose for numerous photographs with school children, Southern Ute Royalty, and many happy fans.

The Cherokee actor, activist, author, and Vietnam War Veteran, sauntered to a generous black leather chair, his black leather jacket glistened in the bright lights as he went. "I'd like to make myself more comfortable," he said as he began to disrobe. He ceremoniously unbuttoned his white shirt and slowly undid his

black silk neck scarf. Lounging casually with crossed legs and a microphone poised for story-telling in his left hand, he began.

"Some of you may remember the days when the only phones we had were attached to walls." Wes Studi shared experiences from his life, like his years in Vietnam, "Not a pleasant experience." And what it was like when he returned. "I came back at a time where there was a lot of unrest." He said, but he found welcome in the Indian community. "I think that's something Indians do well. No matter what people thought about the war, they welcomed us back and realized that, 'these are our young men'."

Born in Oklahoma, at No Fire Hollow, in the Cherokee Nation, his family moved around frequently, "I became a wondering man at that point, at [age] seven." After the war he attended Bacon College. But, "I never had a passion for what I did...then I discovered acting." It was in Tulsa Oklahoma, at the American Indian Theater Company. "I went, and I looked in and saw like eight women and two men. "Hey, I like these odds," and that's how I got started."



His first of 60 films was, Powwow Highway. He can be seen as Magua, in Last of the Mohicans, and in the films Geronimo, The Only Good Indian, Avatar, and Dances With Wolves. When asked if he could make any movie, he said he'd like to try Othello, on the Rez. After answering audience questions, he left the stage with a command, "Go out, and live your dreams."

Wes Studi recites a story from his past under the spotlight at the Fort Lewis on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Fans who traveled from across the Four Corners region eagerly greet Studi following his presentation at FLC, and Southern Ute Royalty managed to stand for a photograph with the world renowned Native American Actor.



All photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



NORTHERN UTE THANKSGIVING POW-WOW

NOVEMBER 26, 27, 28 2009

FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH

MC: BART POWAUKEE, FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH
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HOSTDRUMS: WAR SCOUT
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Tribal Update

SU Ag. Extension Cookie Exchange

The Southern Ute Agriculture Extension will host a cookie exchange and holiday baking, December 2, 2009 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Southern Ute Education Kitchen. Bring your favorite recipe and baking utensils. Beginners welcome. For more information please contact Ella Louise at (970) 563-0220.

SunUte Membership Incentive Program, Nov. 9 - Dec. 16

For those of you currently members at SunUte Community Center or those who wish to become one, now is the time to update, renew, or become a member! We will be giving away some incredible prizes in exchange for your time to come by and fill out a Membership Update Form at the front desk. Even better, the great part is you get to pick what prize you want a chance at winning!!! It should take just a moment of your time to give us an update and possibly bring home a great prize. Prizes will be awarded on Friday, December 18, 2009. Good Luck to all that update, employees of SunUte Community Center and their families are not eligible to win. Even though the prizes are awesome! You will receive 1 ticket for the following information updated or verified as current: **Ticket #1:** Address; Phone Number; Date of Birth; **Ticket #2:** A valid e-mail address so we can keep you up to date; **Ticket #3:** Your photo so we know who you are every day. You can receive a ticket per updated family photo. Here are the prizes you could win!!!

- A Snowboard or Skis from the Skibarn (Valued up to \$500)
- Durango Mountain Resort \$150 Gift Card (Value \$150)
- One-Hour Massage and \$40 Spa Services from the Sky Ute Casino & Resort Spa & Massage (Value \$100)
- 6-Month Single Membership to the SunUte Community Center (Value \$180)
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Maria's Bookshop and \$50 Gift Certificate to Red Snapper Restaurant (Value \$100)

Solid Waste Transfer Station Changing Hours

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Utility Division will be changing the hours of operation of the Solid Waste Transfer Station (trash drop off point at wastewater plant). The new hours will begin on Monday November 30th. We will be open Mon. through Sat. from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. We will be closed on Sundays and Tribal Holidays. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (970) 563-5500.

Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar

The Ignacio Senior Center is having an Arts and Crafts Holiday Bazaar. This is an annual event. Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 table rentals - Crafters of all types welcome! For more information or to reserve your space, call Charise at (970) 563-4561.

Elder Christmas Project - All Interested Tribal Members/Families

The Southern Ute Extension is in the process of completing the annual Christmas project for the elders 70+ and Foster Care Youth for 2009. If you are interested in working with the Southern Ute Extension Department cutting, sewing and decorating approximately 100 Christmas Stockings. The hours varies, the days to meet is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will meet at the Southern Ute Higher Education Building; the target deadline to complete the stockings is the first week of December. We would like to thank all the volunteers that assisted last year. Last year we made decorated Christmas stockings for the foster care youth, but this year with your help we can include elders, 70+. We appreciate any hours you wish to donate to make Christmas enjoyable for elders and foster care youth. We will have felt, scissors, sewing machine and stocking pattern available. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Ella Louise at (970) 563-0220.

Public Service Announcement Readers Wanted!

Some of you may have heard already that we are looking for some volunteers to read public service announcements about diabetes and health for recordings that can be played periodically on KSUT. We have a few recorded already, but would like to get about 10 more. The recordings only last about 30 seconds to 1 minute. You will be able to say your name if you'd like to, or if you'd rather not that is fine. I am trying to get a variety of community members and staff involved, and we would be very appreciative if you were willing! Lorena Richards, from KSUT, will work with you to find a time in your schedule when you able to stop over to KSUT building to record. Please contact Lorena at (Lorena@ksut.org), or call at (970) 563-0255 if you can set up a time for recording.

Seeking Elder's to SHARE

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is looking for Elder's to participate in the "Grandparent's Program". We invite you to come and share your stories, traditional values, and any talents you may have in art, traditional music, traditional clothing, traditional food, traditional dance or from your life experience. The Ute classroom enjoys involving elders in teaching our children first hand from your hearts! You will be paid a stipend from our Grandparent's Program Funds, and transportation can be provided if needed. Come and see for yourself what your children are learning and be a part of their future. If you are interested in sharing, please call (970) 563-0253 ext 2701. Thanks for caring enough to share!

NEW EMPLOYEES



Olin GoodTracks

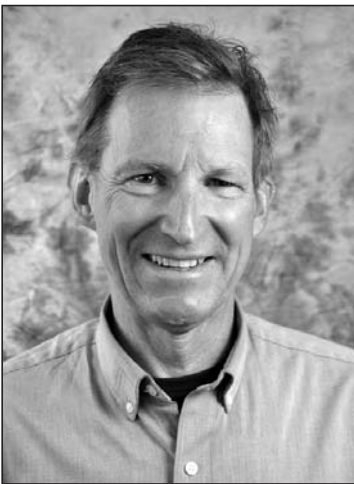
Ground Maintenance Laborer

Description of Duties: Maintains Tribal campus, such as clean, pick-up trash, cut grass, weeds, etc.

Jeffrey Kohlhardt

Dentist

Description of Duties: Dental care.
Hobbies: Skiing, Biking, Hiking, Golf, Tennis, Jogging, Tri-athlon, gardening.
Family: Wife-Sue, Child-Son Brett.



Marlena Begay

Stock Clerk

Description of Duties: All duties associated with Stock Clerk.
Tribe: Navajo.

Melinda L. Loyst

Voc. Rehab. Counselor

Description of Duties: Counsel clients regarding employment, career exploration and case management.
Hobbies: Hiking, Water sports.



Brett M. Francois

Senior Water Quality Specialist

Description of Duties: Performs sampling of surface waters, delin-eation of wetlands, protecting sur-face and ground waters.
Hobbies: Snow sports, Hiking, Mtn. biking, Rafting, watching movies.
Family: Family lives in Wisconsin, 2 brothers, 1 sister, my mother still alive and well. father passed away 3 years ago.



StarWheels

December Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♐ SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21)

December was meant for adventure loving fire signs such as you. VENUS bestows your sign with promising benefits until the 25th. Good times with family and friends are the order of the day. The 16th is especially favorable because the NEW MOON is in your sign and it signals the start of a lively holiday. MERCURY'S retrograde on the 26th sends a reminder to act responsibly with your spending. No doubt you'll be at your magnetic best on the 17th. VENUS and MARS form a sweet association that is perfect for indulging in your favorite pastimes.

♑ CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

Christmas and Capricorn go well together. MERCURY in your sign beginning the 5th practically insures well thought out plans for the holidays. Personal objectives intensify on the 7th when MERCURY and PLUTO join forces. Later in the month, the 21st signifies a return of the SUN to your sign. Spirits lift, and enthusiasm abounds. In addition the electrifying URANUS begins to move forward again adding new excitement to your daily routine. Careful Capricorn, others might notice that big smile on your face.

♒ AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

AQUARIUS is known in Zodiac Land as the sign of friendship. This month you may find yourself caught up in a social whirl of invitations to parties, lunches, or dinners. Your decidedly humanitarian nature may have you concerned with helping those less fortunate. URANUS your planetary ruler awakens from its recent slumber on the 1st to allow a long desired financial deal to come to fruition. This positive turn of events might enable you to clear away past financial confusion.

♓ PISCES (February 20-March 20)

The focus in December centers on personal objectives and job related interests. URANUS currently in your sign begins its forward momentum on the 1st breathing new life into your special interests and business affairs. It's not all work PISCES, you might be mingling with folks who have the ability to offer you advancement. Take note that both MERCURY, and MARS will be moving in a different direction during the week of the 20th. It's called retrograde, and that generally slows your progress. Shop early Little Fishes.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Listen up Rams! If you're a last minute shopper you may not be able to find what you're looking for. MARS the planet of action will be going into its retrograde dance on the 20th slowing down some of your personal ambitions. But not entirely. Long distance travel may still be very much in the picture. When MARS takes residence in the playful section of your chart you may be ready to party hearty this holiday season. Be creative and productive this month ARIES people.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Current planetary activity might have you thinking conservatively TAURUS. Yes, you are the practical sort, but this month in spite of all the holiday hoopla, you're inclined to be extra thrifty and resourceful. A NEW MOON on the 16th launches a fresh perspective with regard to shared finances and spending. On the 21st your personal planet VENUS forms a positive alliance with NEPTUNE creating a magical and loving aura that's perfect for holiday entertaining.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

A FULL MOON in your sign on the 2nd declares a shift in your personal agenda. The good news is that it might infuse your daily activities with fun and excitement. The other news is that your ruling planet MERCURY will be entering a retrograde period on the 26th. More than likely it will slow down or delay whatever progress you've made earlier in the month. If possible avoid frivolous spending. Make a list of what is needed and stick to it. Those little extras add up quickly.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Family minded MOON KIDS might be up to their ears with Christmas preparations this month. For those in the work force, office parties and plenty of socializing make this December especially fun-packed. Circle the 17th as the day VENUS and MARS give energy to your leisure time activities, and a possible boost to your income. Celebrate with those closest to you on the 31st. A LUNAR ECLIPSE/FULL MOON in your sign seals emotional issues so you can move forward again.

♌ LEO (July 23-August 22)

A happy and joyous Christmas may be in the stars for you. Regardless of MARS doing its retrograde fire dance in your sign all month, there will still be plenty of opportunities for love and laughter. Your holiday spirit kicks into high gear on the 16th when the NEW MOON in compatible Sagittarius moves into a fun-filled accord with zesty MARS. Try not to let MERCURY'S slow-down hoedown get to you Lions. Granted, there may be delays but they are in your favor.

♍ VIRGO (August 23-September 23)

Steer clear of holiday arguments VIRGO. VENUS the party planet is in disharmony until the 25th and may intensify your desire to overdo, over spend, and over eat. Best bet is to rely on your practical VIRGO habits which have always worked wonderfully in the past. On the 26th MERCURY your planetary pal goes retro and so will most of your plans. Just remember, patience is the keyword during these times. The good news is you may get to relax and chill.

♎ LIBRA (September 24-October 23)

People of the LIBRA persuasion might be enjoying a very active social life this month. Christmas celebrations may have you dashing from one party to another. Not that you'll mind too much. A short trip may be in the works to connect with a sibling during the holidays. JUPITER practically guarantees a good time. For the single and looking LIBRANS, SATURN in your sign may inspire you to search for a more stable and lasting type of relationship. A letter to Santa might help.

♏ SCORPIO (October 24-November 22)

A positive turn of events takes place on the 16th. The NEW MOON passes through the financial section of your chart and launches an optimistic cycle. Good news may be forth coming SCORPIO. And it could be related to potential or current employment matters. Personal finances could also be affected, in a beneficial way. Because both MERCURY AND MARS will be in retrograde during the latter part of the month, all your conversations with other people should be crystal clear.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

The Southern Ute Tribal Offices Will Be Closed

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving

Tribal Council To Consider Revisions To Traffic Code

by Tim Heydinger

SU Public Defender

The Southern Ute Tribal Council is considering revisions to the existing Traffic Code. If the Tribal Council approves the revisions, the Traffic Code will be totally revamped.

The proposed revisions will do a number of things, two of which are of particular note. First, the proposed revisions will close a loophole that currently exists in Tribal law that allows minors to avoid some of the adverse consequences of bad driving. As the law now stands, if an adult (someone 18 years of age or older) is accused of violating a provision of the Traffic Code, the case is treated as a criminal case. If a minor (someone under the age of 18) is accused of violating a provision of the Traffic Code, the case is treated as a juvenile delinquency case.

The distinction is important. If an adult is convicted of a traffic offense, the conviction is reported to the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles. The DMV then

takes action on the person's driver license. The type of action taken depends on the offense, and the persons driving history. DMV action can range from the assessment of points for minor offenses, up to loss of license for several years for more serious offenses. On the other hand, if a juvenile commits a traffic offense, the matter is not reported to DMV. The problem this creates is obvious. A seventeen year old with repeated traffic offenses, including alcohol offenses, might still have a valid driver license while an adult with a relatively clean driving record might lose their license.

If adopted, the new Traffic Code will close this loophole. The new Traffic Code will apply to everyone who has a license or learner's permit, and everyone eligible for a license or learner's permit. In other words, the new Code will apply to everyone over the age of 14. The new Traffic Code will close a loophole that some suggest should have been closed a long time ago.

Second, the new Traffic Code will expand the Tribe's ability to

bring non-Natives before the Tribal Court. Indian Tribes do not have criminal jurisdiction over non-Natives. Yet, virtually everything in the existing Traffic Code is classified as a criminal offense. Therefore, a non-Native who violates the existing Traffic Code cannot be cited into Tribal Court because the Tribe has no criminal jurisdiction over the person.

The proposed Traffic Code will reclassify certain minor moving violations (like speeding) as civil matters. Because these minor violations will be civil in nature and not criminal, the new Traffic Code will give the Tribe the power to cite non-Natives into Tribal Court for violating the Tribal Code. This is as it should be. If an individual does something wrong on the Reservation, then the Tribe should have the power to hold them accountable, regardless of the person's race or ethnic origin.

The proposed Traffic Code has not yet been approved by the Tribal Council. When that may happen, and what form the final Code will take, remains to be seen.



Of Four Corners Interest

Homemade Christmas Ornament Artists Sought

The Cortez Cultural Center is looking for artists homemade Christmas ornaments for their Artists Christmas tree. Bring yours in by Wednesday November 25th by 5pm. Let the Center sell them for your. Call Deb Avery at (970) 565-1151 for details.

The Turkey Trot - A Great Turkey Day Family Event

5 Mile Race & 1 Mile Fun Run on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 26, 2009 @ 10:00am, a fun scenic course around the FLC Campus and Hillcrest area, lots & lots of prizes. To registration early, register by November 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Forms are available at Your Running Store. Registration on Race Day will take place inside the Education Business building (south of the clock tower) beginning at 8:30 a.m. The start line will be just outside this building. Please park in lot G (south of the clock tower). Need a good excuse not to run? Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, contact Lizz at (970) 247-6227. Early Registration (by 11/22): 5 Miler - \$5.00 (DMT members), \$6.00 all others. 1 Mile Fun Run - \$1.00. Race Day Registration: 5 Miler - \$8.00 DMT members, \$10.00 all others. 1 Mile Fun Run - \$2.00. Start Times: 5 Mile Race: 10:00 a.m., 1 Mile Fun Run: 11:00 a.m.

Durango’s Festival of Trees

The 6th Annual festival of Trees will once again feature a forest of beautifully decorated trees and wreaths November 27 - 29 and December 3 - 5, 2209 from 1-4 at the Durango museum. You could win one of these coveted trees, ornaments, gifts, tree skirt, and travel bag valued at over \$400 by entering the drawing. - \$10 for 3 tickets. All proceeds directly benefit people with developmental disabilities in our area. So come out and get into the holiday spirit the weekends after Thanksgiving at the Train Museum from 1-4. It’s free. For information go to (cci-colorado.org) or call Community Connections at (970) 259-2464.

Families Helping Families Holiday Book Drive

Support literacy for local families this holiday season! Maria’s Bookshop, at 960 Main Avenue, will once again sponsor the “Families Helping Families Holiday Book Drive” benefiting the children of families who participate in the Family Center of Durango’s Family Development Program. The book drive will run from November 23rd through December 15th. When community members visit Maria’s Bookshop during this period, they will be invited to select a card off of the book drive “tree.” Each card will feature information about a local child served by the Family Development Program. Booksellers will be happy to provide guidance and ideas to help individuals find the perfect book for that child, and Maria’s Bookshop will offer a 15% discount on the book drive purchase. The books will be presented to the kids at the “December Delights” holiday party at The Family Center on Wednesday, December 16th from 10:30-12:00. For more information about the book drive, call (970) 247-1438 or visit (www.mariasbookshop.com).

Teens Peer Support Training

High school students who have faced health challenges are invited to be trained as peer mentors. Students with diabetes, Chron’s disease, physical challenges (paralysis, blindness, hearing loss) or brain based differences such as epilepsy, Aspergers, depression, ADHD are needed to provide peer support to younger students with a similar diagnosis. The training will be held December 4-5, 2009 at the SunUte Recreation Center in Ignacio. Please call Liza at 749-9607 for more information. Sponsored by the HCP program of San Juan Basin Health Department and Healthy Lifestyles La Plata.

Dr. Andrew Gulliford to Speak at Library

On Tuesday, December 8 at the Durango Public Library, Dr. Andrew Gulliford will present an illustrated slide lecture entitled Interpreting Historic Photographs of Native Americans: The New Illustrated Edition of Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee on how to “read” historic photos of Native Americans and how to interpret photographic “truth.” Dr. Gulliford will also discuss the meaning and importance of the book Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee which sold three million copies and is now published in an illustrated edition for which Dr. Gulliford served as one of the consultants on the photographs, artwork and captions, and he wrote a “Note on the Text and Art.” The program is from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library Program Rooms. For more information please call 375-3380 or visit the Library’s website at (www.durangopubliclibrary.org).

Chapman Hill Offers Youth “Learn to Skate” Program

Youth “Learn to Skate” lessons are offered Tuesdays through Saturdays until April 2010, and are available to children ages 3 to 15 years old. Sign up for as many days as you would like at the time that corresponds with your child’s skill level. Call Chapman Hill at (970) 375-7395 for specific times and to sign up your child for the “Learn to Skate” program. Limited space is available, so call today to reserve your spot.

Durango Parks and Recreation Activity Guide Now Available

Registration for fall and winter activities is now available on-line at <https://web.durangogov.org> or in person at the Durango Community Recreation Center, Mason Center or Chapman Hill. The Durango Parks and Recreation Department’s Activity Guide was mailed to households the end of October. The Activity Guide lists all youth and adult programs offered or contracted through Durango Parks and Recreation for the fall and winter seasons. Any household with a member, who has recently participated in a Durango Parks and Recreation program or who holds a pass to a Parks and Recreation facility, should have received an Activity Guide by mail. The Activity Guide is also available to members of the public at the Recreation Center, Mason Center, Library, Chapman Hill and City Hall. Please call the Durango Parks and Recreation Department at (970) 375-7300 with any questions regarding upcoming programs and events.

PowWow Trails 2009

28th Orme Dam Victory Days PowWow November 20, 2009

Beeline Hwy and Rodeo Grounds • Fort McDowell, AZ

Contact: Roberta Camacho

Phone: (480) 789-4793

Email: rcamacho@fmcasino.com

Web: www.ftmcdowell.org/communityevents/ormedam09/powwow

Utah Valley University Contest PowWow November 20 - 21, 2009

800 West University Parkway • Orem, UT

Contact: Ken Sekaquaptewa/Angela Crank

Phone: (801) 863-7276

Email: sekaquake@uvu.edu

Choctaw Casino PowWow

November 28, 2009

Durant, OK

Contact: Michael Roberts

Phone: (785) 250-8706

Email: bustlegeye@yahoo.com

Web: www.choctawcasinos.com/event_details.asp?id=1120

Northern Ute Tribe Thanksgiving PowWow November 26 - 28, 2009

Fort Duchesne Gym • Fort Duchesne, Utah

Contact: Baldwin Duncan (435) 823-4872 or Mariah Cuch (435) 722-8541

Email: mariahc@utetribes.com

6th Annual Christmas PowWow December 12, 2009

19255 Monument Hill Road • Monument, CO

Contact: Brad Bearsheart

Phone: (719) 694-9386

Email: bgbearsht022@comcast.net

Web: www.myspace.com/project_lighthouse

Many Moons Ago

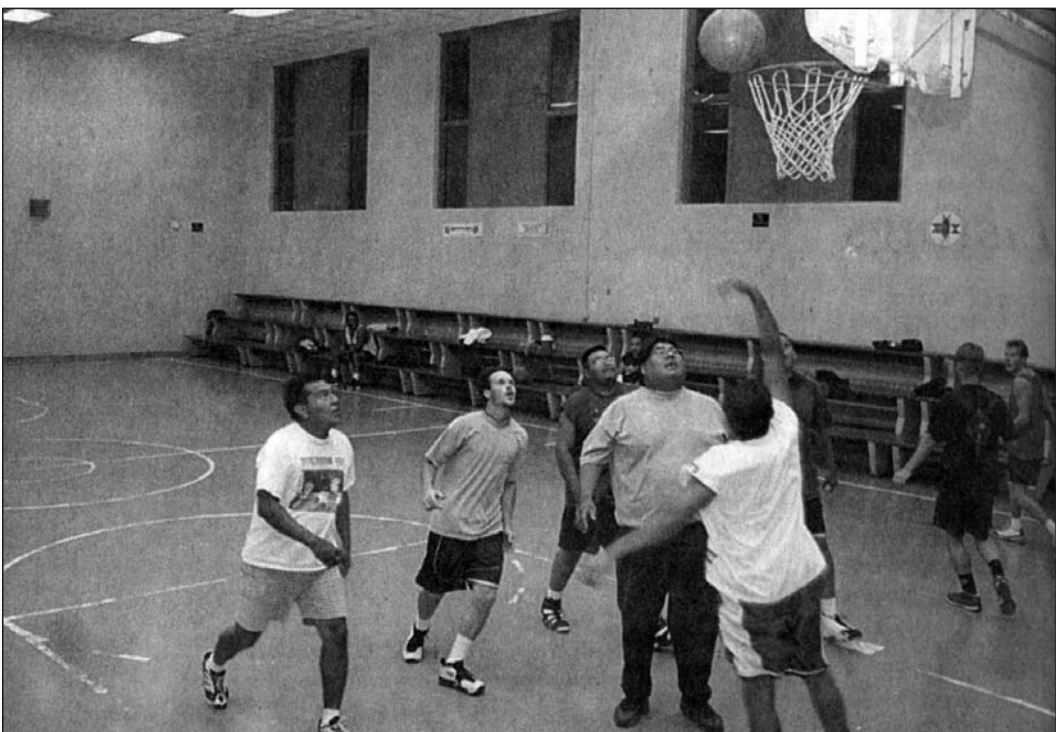


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10 years ago...

Winter open gym basketball began. The doors open Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm at the Head Start Gym for the next two months. Pictured here on the court, are (l-r) Sam Burch, Ainge, Manuel Myore, Alex Cloud, Patrick Hight (with the blind-reverse-hook, and Robert Jensen.

This photo was published in the November 19, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

20 years ago...

The November 17, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum was a Special Edition of Southern Ute Tribal Proposed Codes. In 1987 the Southern Ute Tribe received a grant from the Administration for native American (ANA) to develop management plans for vital Tribal resources. Three codes were developed to preserve the Tribe’s Water, Air Quality and its Archeological and Cultural Resources. The Natural Resources Policy reveiw Committee and the Tribal Attorneys office developed the three proposed Tribal Codes.

This was published in the November 17, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Photo Archives/DRUM

30 years ago...

Senior citizens at the Southern Ute Senior Center enjoying a meal. they braved the storm, and turned out to be the largest crowd to attend the Senior Citizen Potluck. It was estimated there were over 60 people who attended. Each month a person was named Senior Citizen of the Month, and Mr. and mrs. jack Frost were named for the month of November. On the menu was turkey, stuffing and a variety of salads, vegetables and desserts.

This photo was published in the November 23, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Tribal Offices Will Be Closed, Wed., Nov. 11, 2209
In Observance of Veteran’s Day
Tribal Offices will resume business Thur., Nov. 12, 2009 at 8 am.



Ute Language

KwiyutÜ “Turkey”

Paapasì “Potatoes”

Kaaravasi “Pumpkin”

Editor’s Note: The Ute Language and “Translation” are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



SU Academy Celebrates Native American Month



All photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Montessori Academy Students from the Primary level participated in activities to honor and celebrate in Native American Month. Council Lady Ramona Eagle read Traditional Ute Folk Tales, which originated from the Northern Ute Tribes. The stories, Why is Buzzard a Loner and The Eye Juggler Coyote, where each read aloud by Council Lady Eagle to a captive audience of young students. The stories were followed by a presentation on drumming from Ignacio's own 12 Gauge and RTB singers, who imparted their own wisdom and music on the children. Following the drumming presentation, the young students were asked by Jake Ryder to participate in the singing and drumming with their peers and the veteran singers. Jake emphasized the importance of acknowledging your own culture at a young age, while also enjoying childhood to the fullest extent, because being young only comes around once!



Crowning of Miss Southern Ute



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

A new Miss Southern Ute was crowned during the Miss Southern Ute Committee meeting after receiving an application from Samantha Maez, daughter of Ernestine and Sam Maez. She will be representing the Tribe along with the 2009-2010 Royalty pictured at her side. Samantha provided a description of her regalia, knowledge of Ute culture and government, and provided a traditional dance performance for the committee and Southern Ute Tribal Vice-Chairman Newton Jr. and Councilman Alex Cloud.

SINGING WITH SANTA

Annual Parade and Tree Lighting



Friday, November 27th

5:00 pm- Meet us at College and Main, Durango

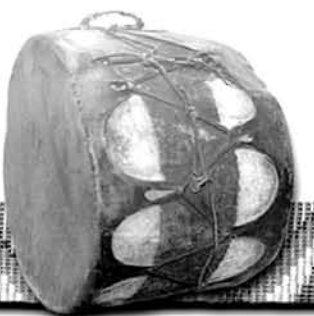
Free glow sticks!

5:30pm SHARP- Parade begins

Santa and Mrs. Claus lead us to Buckley Park, where we will count down to light the majestic tree! Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be available while the kids have a chance to meet Santa, have their pictures taken and share their wish lists.



Thank you: Colorado Capital Bank, City Markets, Doubletree, Norton Catering, Wal-Mart, Guido's, LPEA, Victorian Aid Society and The Colorado Mounted Rangers



Tribal Health Profile: “Dr. Jeffrey G. Kohlhardt”

Media Release
Tribal Health Department

The Tribal Health Department is pleased to announce the newest member of our health care team, Dentist Dr. Jeffrey Kohlhardt who entered on duty on November 10, 2009. The following is information provided by Dr. Kohlhardt:

I’m both excited and honored to be a part of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Clinical Team. I applaud the vision, leadership, and hard work that so many people are bringing to the table. I believe that time and patience will reward the Tribe with a self supporting, efficient, state of the art treatment facility that will continue to serve the people for years to come.

I was born in Madison Wisconsin (Capital of Wisconsin). I was the first born of six children, having four bothers and one sister. I attended Middleton Union High School, graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in biochemistry, and graduated from Marquette University Dental School in Milwaukee

Wisconsin. I was one of six dental students that received a United States Air Force dentistry scholarship my junior year. I graduated from dental school in the top quarter of my class and completed the Central Regional Dental Boards, which later allowed me to obtain dental licensure in Wisconsin and Colorado.

Upon Graduation I was assigned to Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento California to begin my 3-year commitment with the USAF participating in a rotating dental internship, which took me through all the dental specialties. It was here I met my wife Sue a newly trained Registered Nurse. Upon completion of my obligation to the USAF I completed the Western Regional Dental Boards that allowed me to obtain licensure in Oregon, Arizona and Nevada.

I began my dental practice journey in the private industry in Veneta Oregon, where I opened a dental office and operated it for 6 years. During this time our son and only child, Brett was born. I sold my Oregon dental practice after 6 years and purchased a pri-

vate dental practice in California that I managed, operated, and provided dental care for 23 years. During this time I was a member of: the American Dental Association, Sacramento District Dental Society, Woodland Implant Study Group, Director of the Alta California Dental Foundation, committee member of the Yolo County Fluoridation imitative, managing partner of the Woodland dental group and founded and organized a mutual aid group for regional dentists.

My wife and I relocated to Durango, Colorado in 2009 following our son, Brett, who graduated from Fort Lewis College and enrolled in the nursing program at Pueblo Community College.

My Hobbies include almost anything that takes me “ outdoors” including downhill skiing, skate skiing, golfing, tennis, hiking, backpacking, triathlon, mountain biking, and road biking.

I want to thank the Tribe for the privilege to serve you as your dentist and newest member of the Tribal Health clinical team.

Jeffrey Kohlhardt DDS

The Kidney Corner: “Diabetes and the Kidney”

by Dr. Mark Saddler, MD
Durango Nephrology Associates

As we have seen in previous editions of the Kidney Corner, the term “Chronic Kidney Disease” refers to the state in which the kidneys are not functioning normally. We determine this by blood tests which show that toxins which are normally excreted by the kidneys are accumulating abnormally in the blood. As we have also discussed previously, urine formation is typically normal in most forms of kidney disease; in fact, urine output is often increased.

The most common cause of kidney disease in the United States is diabetes mellitus (usually just referred to as “diabetes”). This disease is caused by an inadequate amount of, or decreased sensitivity to, insulin, a hormone which is produced in the pancreas. The result is high glucose levels in the blood. Type I diabetes, which typically presents at a young age, is caused by a failure of the pancreas to produce insulin and requires insulin administration from the initial diagnosis. Type II diabetes, which typically presents in later life, is caused by a failure of the body to respond appropriately to



insulin. This decreased insulin sensitivity is usually treated initially with oral medications but may later require the administration of insulin as well.

Diabetes can cause complications in most of the organ systems of the body including the eyes, kidneys, blood vessels, heart and nerves. The good news is that all of these complications can be prevented or delayed by good control of glucose levels. All diabetic patients should exercise, adhere to a diabetic diet, and lose weight when appropriate. Many diabetics also need to use medications. Some people can get good control on oral medicines, but others need insulin for good glucose control. Keeping glucose under good control usually requires testing

glucose levels at home with a glucometer, a machine which tests the glucose level in a drop of blood from the finger or arm. Home glucose testing not only detects high glucose levels but also is useful for alerting patients to the possibility of glucose levels which are too low, which can also be dangerous.

Diabetes affects the filtering parts of the kidneys (the glomeruli) by causing microscopic scars. The first sign of diabetes affecting the kidney is the appearance of protein, for example albumen, in the urine. Keeping this protein down to low levels is important and can be done both by tight glucose control and by the use of specific blood pressure medications called ACE inhibitors or ARBs. Screening for albumen in the urine is done for all diabetic patients so that the earliest signs of kidney involvement by diabetes can be detected and treated. Unfortunately, as with many causes of kidney disease, once the kidneys start to be affected by diabetes, the chronic kidney disease can be hard to stop, but ACE/ARB medications, in combination with good glucose control and weight loss when appropriate, can be very effective in slowing down the progression of the disease.

Health Fair 2009



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

Debra Herrera of Health Services greeted the 2009 Health Fair attendees who were scheduled to have flu shots throughout the day. The annual event was held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe strives to promote healthy living by promoting events such as this on the reservation and in the surrounding communities.

H1N1 Vaccination Community Clinic November 21

Media Release
San Basin Health

San Juan Basin Health is holding a community H1N1 clinic on Saturday, November 21 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

The new eligible age group is children 14 years old and younger. Individuals up to age 64 with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, and parents, siblings or daycare providers of babies under six months old can also still receive the H1N1 vaccine at this clinic. Vaccinations at this clinic

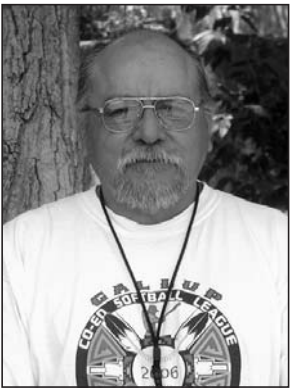
are free. For clinic updates, please check: (www.sjbhd.org) or call our FluLine at 247-5702, ext. 1520. H1N1 info., visit (www.sjbhd.org), (flu.gov); or the Colorado Helpline at 877-462-2911 or the La Plata County Infoline at (970) 385-INFO (4636), ext. 2270.

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*at Southern Ute Indian Tribe
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Please visit the Fathers’ Voices Website to print registration form.

www.fathersvoices.org

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For further information please call (970) 764-5631

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Indicate if you would be interested in receiving Continuing Educational Units for this workshop: **YES or NO**

Please note that we will provide further information to interested participants before workshop

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- Must prior register before December 18, 2009
- Call Sam (970) 563-4566 x23, or Joe (970) 563-4566 x27 for more information.



Thanksgiving

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November 20, 2009



Snow Falls, SU Thanksgiving Dinner



Community Lends Hand To SUDC



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Volunteers who contribute their time to help at the SU Detention Center, received awards and a heartfelt appreciation from SUDC staff during a social held in their honor. Contributing volunteers are as follows; Art Instructor-Donna Broad, Drug/Alcohol and Anger Management-Peaceful Spirits-Lynn Ford, Fatherhood-Kate Jones, GED/Education-Scott Baker/Mike Kirsch, White Bison-Rick Miller, Parenting-Crystal Thompson, Serenity Class-Michel Theriot and Robyn Evans, Native American Class-Larry Tucker, Sweat Lodge-Eddie and Betty Box/Shannon Brown, Alcoholics Anonymous-To remain anonymous, Religious-Deacon John O'Hare, Sandi Blacksten, Laura Hose, Richard Parry, Stephen Draper, Jess Baidman. Special thanks to Lt. Ronalynn Tiznado for her help and support to the programs.



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The annual Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center on Saturday, November 14, 2009. This banquet style meal was provided by the Casino and coordinated by Southern Ute Public Relations - Special Events Coordinator, Amy Barry. Southern Ute Royalty gave a helping hand with greeting guest, drawing raffle tickets, and performing the Lord's Prayer in sign language during opening ceremonies. The invocation and blessing of the meal was given by Mr. Eddie Box Jr. following opening remarks from Council Lady Ramona Eagle. A Strong attendance and excellent food made this event a success for all those who could make it, thanks were also given by Vice Chairman Jim Newton Jr. and Councilman Steve Herrera. The Casino also held its annual Craft Fair, drawing vendors from as far south as Arizona and from neighboring Durango.





Rural Youth Change The Face Of Local Native Hip-Hop



All photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Mari Villaluna

SU Boys & Girls Club Program Aide

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has hosted a Native Hip Hop Workshop on November 3-6 at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, where youth created a film, a music track, and written and performed spoken word

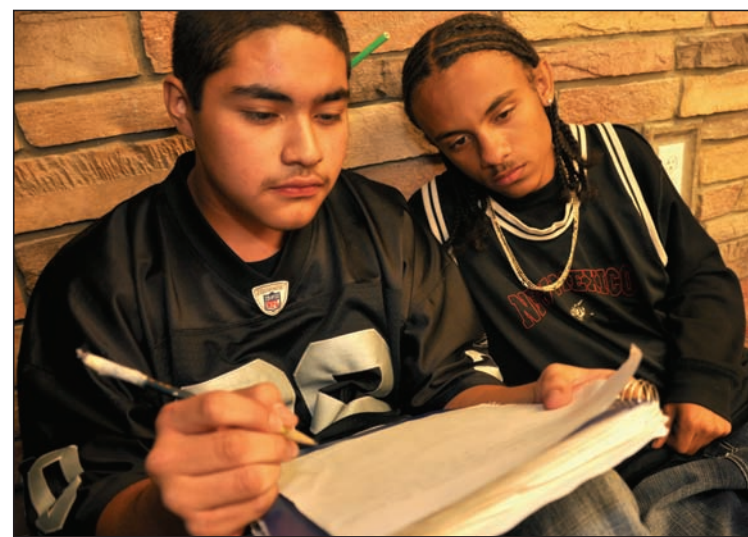
pieces. The actual workshop was open to all Native and Non-Native community members, ages 9-18. We had 60 young people come through to our Native Hip-Hop Workshop. We had 80 community members represent and support our Native Hip Hop Show.

Native Hip Hop Workshop is using this genre of music and indigenousizing it as a form of youth media. Very rarely do Rural or

Native American youth get their voices heard in mainstream or community media or in the genre of Hip-hop. The point of this workshop was for young people to create their indigenous media through music, spoken word, articles, or photography. Hip-Hop is a genre that is used around the world and of the first forms of people's media that young people use to express themselves. With using an Indigenous lens combined with conscious Hip-Hop, the results for the youth involved are endless.

"Native Hip Hop is important to kids because its not just all about traditional native music or pow-wow music" stated Caitlin Garcia (Dine'/Chicana), BGC member. "Its about having fun, having a voice, learning to make Hip-Hop Native. Mostly on Southern Ute Land all you hear is traditional or pow-wow music, but maybe with this workshop we can have a chance to hear Native Hip Hop played on the radio. It will finally give use a chance to show traditional Native values inside hip hop music. Why don't MTV or VH1 play music videos by Native Americans?"

All over Indian Country, many Native as well as rural youth have



fell in love with Hip-Hop. They use as a means to communicate what their sovereign nations, and communities go through everyday. They are using Hip-Hop as it once was as intended, as a form of media. The social issues of poverty, police brutality, and abuse were first known to the mainstream media because of Hip-Hop.

"It important for Natives to make films, write, and make music so people know about us, other people will know we do many things other than just traditional music and dance," said Abriana Baker (Southern Ute), BGC member. "Some Native Americans like Hip-Hop and Hip-Hop is about people that bust rhymes and people have fun. I like Hip Hop because its cool, its fun to listen to, and you get to learn more about the artists, and many times I sing to it."

We had three Indigenous facilitators whose resumes cover audio production, publishing books, making films and endless list of workshops they both have hosted. Cassandra Yazzie (Dine') covered the film class. Lisa "Tiny" Gray-Garcia (Irish/Taino) facilitated writing/spoken word workshop. Ras K'dee (Dry Creek Band of Pomo Indians/Afrikan) did the music production workshop. There is guaranteed publishing for each youth with at least one media source within the Southern Ute Drum, KPFA 94.1 FM (San Francisco Bay Area), KSUT tribal radio, POOR Magazine Indigenous Peoples Media



Project, and/or SNAG Magazine.

Ten tribal and local organizations/businesses have joined with Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to sup-

community sponsored workshop.

"Whether it is Indigenous Break-dancing, Native graffiti art, NDN beaded bling, Urban Indian hip hop clothing, indigenous language hip-hop and music videos, Indigenous peoples have transformed Hip-Hop and kept the roots of Hip-hop by speaking out about what is happening currently to our nations, our sacred sites, and the history of occupation of our land," states BGC staff Mari. "This visual and audio aspect of hip hop echo the realities that are happening to Natives on the reservations and in the cities. Native Hip Hop Workshop is about the music, the message, the youth having their own voice without interruption, and its about our indigenous spirit of resistance that has allowed us to thrive." ?The Native Hip-Hop Workshop hosted a community performance of its created work at the Ignacio Public Library on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 4:20pm. For more information, contact Mari at (970) 563-0214.



photo courtesy/SUB&GC



College Night At IHS



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Parents, Students, Presenters, and Counselors all made a strong showing at Ignacio High school on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 for the annual College Night program hosted by IHS. Representatives who presented included Rachel Beckelhymer of Fort Lewis College, Southern Ute Education Department covered scholarship opportunities, athletic representative from FLC, (NCAA), Southwest Colorado Community College representative Jill Carithers and LaVonne Martinez from Talent Search. Rachel Beckelhymer from FLC Admissions helps students and parents work through the application process, as Venicia Sala, a senior at IHS, and her mother look over the FLC application materials.

Homeboy Goes To Harvard



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Richard Santana walks into the Ignacio High School Gym, (November 17, 2009) with the look and swagger of a thug, as he speaks to the audience of students his tonal inflections are short and angry, emphasized that much more by his thick Latino accent. He talks about his hard upbringing, he makes some jokes to draw in the young listeners. He challenges his audience on topics ranging from substance abuse to racism. Santana relates his own story and the path that lead him from a life of gang related activity to a path of education. Santana relates the choices and influences that lead him to earn a collage degree and go on to become a nationally recognized speaker as he sheds his gang clothing to revel the cloths of academia.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES!



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY
Dermarr and Autumn-Bahozho Harlan. We all hope you two had fun at Chucky Cheese.

Happy First Birthday to my Grandson, KJ
A year has gone so quickly, Yet we have learned so much. We've felt a love so strongly, In a baby's gentle touch. Your laughs and smiles. Your pouts and tears. Wow! We wouldn't trade a minute. You're a special blessing Sent to us from God and we thank Him everyday For the joyous first year Of your precious life.
Love you dearly, Grandma & Uncle
Happy First Birthday KJ
Hope your day is great.
Love, Herrera Show



To Our 5 lb. 5 oz. "Turkey Boy" K.J.
Hey you. We can't believe you are turning 1 years old on Nov. 27. We wish you the best and all the love in the world to you "lil man". You have already been through so much in your life. You are strong, happy, smart and an outgoing son. We could wish for no more from you. We are always going to be here for you, and try our hardest to give you the best childhood we never had. Remember you have a Mother and a Father that LOVES you so much and have a large family that you can lean on for support and help with the years to come. **HAVE AN AWESOME YEAR KEEVIN AND MANY MORE!**
Love - Now & Forever
Mama & Dada



Happy 60th Birthday Corleen Pinky Rael-Trujillo
Thank you for giving us Life, and so many good memories.
Your children, Lisa, Christine, Israel, Paul Trujillo



Happy Birthday Grandson!
May the Creator guide you throughout your years to come.
Gwampa Ortiz Wuvvs You!

CONGRATULATIONS - YAFL!



Kai Roubideaux, 4th Grader, was one of four boys chosen as an All-Star Player from the Ignacio YAFL team. He played with the team from the East called "Beast from the East" which was comprised of teams from Durango, Aztec, Bloomfield, Ignacio, and Bayfield on 11/7/09. Kai played offensive right tackle during their win against the West by 35-0, in addition, Kai was chosen as Team Captain. We would like to CONGRATULATE him on his successful endeavor during his first year playing YAFL and too keep reaching for the STARS, We Love you and are proud of you son, grandson, brother, and cousin.
The Roubideaux's Mom, Dad, Seth, Alexandria, Jordan, Grandma Dixie, Uncle Manny, Aunt Brandi, and Little "T" - "Walk Away"



The Bayfield Wolverines 6th Grade YAFL team were invited to participate in the Ray Torres Memorial State Football Invitational - 11 year olds - B Division Tournament in Albuquerque, New Mexico on November 14 and 15, 2009. The team played their first game against Moriarity, NM and won that game 38 - 0. Their final game was the Championship Game against Rio Rancho, NM who beat the Wolverines 32-0. Pictured above, are Kelton McCoy#5, Taed Heydinger #34, and Tribal Member Arnulfo Pardo #55 holding the plaque the team received for second place. Arnulfo Pardo III (lower left photo) carrying the ball for a first down during the game against Moriarity. The team members are: Zane Phelps, Raymond Leach, Kelton McCoy, JAT Alverez, Wyatt Freier, Taylor Winch, Kyle Killough, Brandon Stuver, Zach Kujah, Chance Hine, Cash Snooks, Taed Heydinger, David Stephenson, Cameron Seivert, Arnulfo Pardo, Orion Landon, Noah Louterback, Max Sneed, Henry Muir, Fernando Greyyeyes, Timmy Murphy, Mason Owen, Angus Taylor, Zach Phelps, James Vance, and Braxton Newkirk. The team was coached by: Dereck McCoy, Michael Snooks, Ben Stuever, and Dion Phelps.
CONGRATULATIONS YAFL 6TH GRADE WOLVERINES.



Lalena Receives 5 Year Award



Animas The AL-P Dam started it construction in March of 2003; the two Ute tribes were given four positions for employment. Lalena Weasel was hired, and has been apart of the government staff since the concept of the AL-P Dam. During these past Five year she has received the following awards:
• 2/07 Safety Award
• 9/08 Safety Award
• 12/09 Safety Employee of the Year
• 5 Year Service Award
We her family would like to congratulate her for an out standing job, it is important to have good work ethics and be a responsible employee, especially in these times. Weasel is a member of the Ute Mountain Tribe.
Great Job!

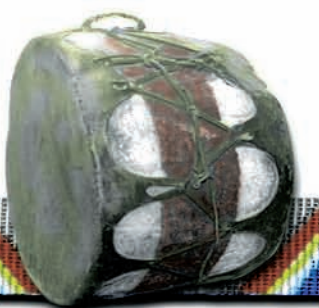
photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Carbon Monoxide: Invisible Killer

Each year unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning claims hundreds of lives and sends thousands of people to the emergency room for treatment.
What is Carbon Monoxide?
Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste, or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill before you are aware it is in your home.
CO gas can come from several sources: gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning furnaces or fireplaces, and motor vehicles.
Protect Yourself and Your Family from CO Poisoning
At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. Theses symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea, and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health, and the concentration and length of exposure. Medical experts believe that unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens, and people with heart or lung problems are at even greater risk for CO poisoning.
Protect yourself and your family by following a few easy steps.
• Install at least one carbon

monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal near the sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms. Make sure the alarm has been evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing symptoms when you hear the alarm. This does not mean that CO is not present.
• Have a qualified professional check all fuel burning appliances, furnaces, venting and chimney systems at least once a year.
• Never use your range or oven to help heat your home and never use a charcoal grill or hibachi in your home or garage.
• Never keep a car running in a garage. Even if the garage doors are open, normal circulation will not provide enough fresh air to reliably prevent a dangerous buildup of CO.
• When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house. The presence of a carbon monoxide alarm in

your home can save your life in the event of CO buildup.
What Actions Do I Take if My Carbon Monoxide Alarm Goes Off?
What you need to do if your carbon monoxide alarm goes off depends on whether anyone is feeling ill or not.
If no one is feeling ill:
1. Silence the alarm.
2. Turn off all appliances and sources of combustion (i.e. furnace and fireplace).
3. Ventilate the house with fresh air by opening doors and windows.
4. Call a qualified professional to investigate the source of the possible CO buildup.
If illness is a factor:
1. Evacuate all occupants immediately.
2. Determine how many occupants are ill and determine their symptoms.
3. Call your local emergency number and when relaying information to the dispatcher, include the number of people feeling ill.
4. Do not re-enter the home without the approval of a fire department representative.
5. Call a qualified professional to repair the source of the CO.
This message brought to you by the SU Risk Management Division



Rope Master Wows Students



Ignacio Intermediate School students and Ignacio Elementary students filled the auditorium at the elementary on Monday, November 9, 2009 for a jump rope presentation. This was not your ordinary jump rope exercise routine; the "Rope Master" - Peter Nestler - is an accomplished presenter, speaker and jump rope expert. The school children who were eager to participate and intent to watch, were even more impressed when the lights were turned off, and the Rope Master continued his jump rope routine with glow-in-the-dark ropes. Student participation and Uni-Cycle jump roping made this event an even further success, with the main point being - Practice makes perfect in whatever you do!

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Tribal Housing Logo Winners



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

The Southern Ute Tribal Housing Department held a logo contest November 3, 2009 during their "Open House". Pictured here are the winners: Second Place Winner - Tanisha Collins, winner of a \$100.0 Wal-Mart Gift Card and Third Place Winner - Carlos Whiteman, winner of a \$50.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card. The First place Winner was Roy O'John, winner of a \$200.00 Gift Card, he was not available for a photo.

LPEA Offering LED Light Rebates

Media Release
Durango, CO

To encourage consumers to replace old holiday light strings with new, energy efficient LED lighting, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), in partnership with Tri-State Generation and Transmission, is reprising its rebates on LED holiday lighting through Dec. 31, 2009.

LPEA customers who purchase strings of LED lights can receive a rebate of \$2 per string of 49 bulbs

or less, or \$4 per string of 50 bulbs or more. There is no limit to the number of strings purchased, but the original sales receipt must be submitted with the rebate form. Forms are available at local retailers, as well as at LPEA offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs, and on the web, (www.lpea.coop).

The LED lights' visual appearance - clear, rich, jewel tones - are superior to the traditional incandescents, but the benefits of LED lighting far surpass the beauty, according to Pierotti.

In addition to their long "glow-

ing" life, the LEDs are safer and more durable, with the tiny semiconductor chips that cause the illumination encased in hard to break plastic. A string of LED lights is expected to last up to 10 years. They remain cool to the touch and generate very little heat, aiding in fire prevention on dry trees or overheated plastic. And with the small electricity draw, it's unlikely they will overload a circuit.

For further information on the LED rebate program, contact Pierotti directly, (970) 382-7770, or visit (www.lpea.coop).

Red Ribbon Inspires



Students of Ignacio's Elementary School took to the stage one class at a time. The purpose of this series of well-rehearsed presentations was awareness of Drug and Substance abuse under the banner of Red Ribbon Week, a nation wide campaign to raise drug awareness amongst youth. Chief Judge Elaine Newton sat in on the performances as a primary judge, and parents also came to view the student performances. One of the classes (above photo) used hand puppets to emphasize healthy choices, while 2nd student Brianna Henderson (left photo) read an essay in front of the audience. The top-placing classroom preformed a choreographed Hip Hop routine advocating a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Tribe Welcome Durango Students



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The Delalma Group from Durango, Colorado visited the Southern Ute Tribal Campus as part of their Native American curriculum during Native American Month. The tour was arranged through Jennifer GoodTracks and the Southern Ute Royalty. The students were able to ask questions throughout the tour and visit with Tribal Council. Jr. Miss Southern Ute A-Mya Bison is pictured above giving out gifts as a token of appreciation to the visiting youth. The tour of Tribal Campus took place on Friday, November 13, 2009.



Big ‘Bird’: Herrera Flocks To ‘Hawks Cowboys Rope, Tie-Off Bobcats’ Season

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Against preps ‘round these parts, he’s the equivalent of foot-ball’s “Too Tall.”

But starting next fall the only part of Alex Herrera that will be keeping up with the Jones [former Dallas Cowboys defensive end Ed] will be the marrow in his still-growing bones.

Folding his 6’7” - or 8, depending on who’s measuring, or promoting - frame into a chair with teammates, family, and friends observing, noise was called for, and permitted in IHS’ library last Friday as Herrera inked a National Letter-of-Intent to study and play basketball at Fort Lewis College.

“It felt great because I know it’s going to be a great decision,” said Herrera, who committed on the third day of the NLI early signing period (Nov. 11-18), as opposed to waiting for the upcoming regular period (4/14-5/19/2010). “I’m looking forward to the future, going up there.”

Becoming the second ‘Cat from last season’s 23-3 squad to earn next-level status - graduated forward Micah Odoms signed with NAIA Concordia University (Portland, Ore.) back in June - Ignacio’s big man already rivals Torrey Udall and Matt Morris for honors of tallest ‘Hawk on the low block.

“They said I could either play the four or the five position,” Herrera said when asked of FLC coach Bob Hofman’s plans. “I’ll play wherever they put me at, but they haven’t got the depth there.”

What the Skyhawks have got is success from whatever height or depth they’ve assembled. In the previous five seasons leading up to the young 2009-10 campaign, Fort Lewis (NCAA Division II) compiled a 110-39 overall record (71-22 against the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference).

Paint presence Kirk Archibeque graduated in the spring and now plays overseas with Astrum Levice in Slovakia’s Extraliga. But despite not having the 6’9” force alongside anymore, junior DeAndre Lansdowne was still tabbed RMAC Preseason Player-of-the-Year despite standing just 6’2”. 5A Durango product Morris goes about 6’6”, and Udall - from 3A Roaring Fork [Carbondale] - 6’7” or 6’8”.

“I’m glad that he’s here, close so we can watch him play. He’s got a commitment now and it’s off his mind. He knows where he’s going, doesn’t have to wonder who he has to impress - he’s already impressed them enough that they want him,” said IHS head coach Chris Valdez. “Now he can concentrate on playing our brand of basketball.”

“I think Fort Lewis should work out a deal with him because they’re going to make money,” joked IHS athletic director



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Ignacio senior Alex Herrera could actually choose to deliver this in person if he wanted - he'll start his post-IHS studies and hoop career that close to home! Last Friday he autographed his National Letter-of-Intent to become a Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colo.; NCAA Division II) Skyhawk beginning in Fall 2010. Family, teammates and IHS staff all witnessed the event in the school's library.

Melanie Taylor. “Since Ignacio is only 25, 27 miles from Durango, we will bring in the fan base so they might want to give him an extra incentive.”

Especially one for staying 100% healthy over a full season. Injuries are nothing new to Herrera.

“Oh yeah, he broke his leg during football two years ago, played four weeks on that, then he broke his foot twice last year,” recalled mother Kathy Herrera, an IHS track-and-field coach. “Once was the ‘Jones fracture’ he played on for nine weeks, the other was when he re-injured another part of his foot.”

“Broken elbow when he was 4, had surgery on it, had it pinned - had two surgeries on it. Then when we moved to Hawai’i he broke his foot playing basketball with the dog. When we moved here he ended up having surgery on his knee because he had no blood at the bottom of his femur. I’m lost - feel like I’m missing one here,” she paused with a laugh. “So he’s a ‘breakable’ child - but rebound-able!”

“I think I’m going to be studying sports medicine or sports training,” Alex Herrera said later.

But until officially matriculating, Herrera knows he’ll be essential to his team’s progress in the ‘09-10 hoops campaign, and will likely draw as much attention from San Juan Basin League defenses as now-FLC freshman guard Mike Matthews did at Telluride.

“He’s our go-to guy inside. Nobody matches up with him physically - you have to have two people guard him. And if two people guard him, we still have a lot of people on our team that can score also,” Valdez said. “So if they want to go one-on-one with him, then we’ll go with him all day and let him attack the basket - let him do his thing.”

“We’re going in and we’re going to do our best,” said Herrera said before heading off to the second day of official practice. “We want to do better than last year -

win a state championship!”

The very first action Ignacio’s varsity sees may be the toughest as the Bobcats seek such a goal. The schedule shows IHS starting at the Webb Toyota/Farmington Scorpion Invitational down in New Mexico on December 10-12 - an event that mainly attracts larger schools like Durango, 4A Montezuma-Cortez (Archibeque’s alma mater), 4A FHS, and 5A Montwood [El Paso, Tex.].

And one that will give Alex Herrera an indication of where his skills need sharpening.

“Just his physical,” was Valdez’s pre-season analysis. “He’s big, but he’s got to get his feet solid under him and be a little more precise on his movements. And that’s something he’ll still work on - he’s still young, kid’s only 17 years old you know?”

“And he’ll get there and learn a lot more at the college level. They’ll be feeding him right, getting him bulked up and stronger a little more than what we do in high school. He’ll be ready, I think.”

“He’s kind of a silent leader,” said Taylor. “But kids follow him through example because he stays on track and really works hard. And they appreciate that, as you can see by the kids that came out to support him today. The team chemistry will be there, and Alex is a part of that.”

“He’s a lot better than I am - now,” said father Chris Herrera, a former multi-sport standout at IHS. “It’s great watching him grow up and see him come into his own.”

“I think it’s the best opportunity for him. He wanted to go Division I, but we had a couple talks and Fort Lewis sounded the best. Gives us a chance to watch him play.”

“I know they’ll have a good team,” Alex said. “I like the school, I like the players, I like the coaches. And it was just a good decision, I thought.”

“This takes off his pressure,” said Kathy Herrera. “He’s relieved; he can just relax and play his senior year knowing it’s all taken care of.”

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The villains escaped this time.

And for a rare occasion it was the heroes left exclaiming, ‘Curses! Foiled again!’

But for a second time in as many seasons, the Ignacio football team was eliminated in the first round of the Class 1A State Football Playoffs. This time it was Meeker, the same school - with many of the same personnel - which ended IHS’ boys’ basketball season back in March, doing the dastardly. The 9-seed Cowboys overcame a dicey first half to rally in the second for a 28-17 win at IHS Field on Nov. 7, improving to 8-2 overall (one win was a forfeit) at the time while dropping Ignacio to a final 7-3 state.

Still, the fact that the 8-seed ‘Cats clung to a lead at halftime showed that the program is rapidly working to make postseason appearances much more than just ‘appearances.’ They want it to be regularity and prolong each campaign by an additional week at a time.

“Last year we went in not really knowing what to expect,” said Ignacio head coach Lupe Huerta, “and how the kids would react to the atmosphere. This year was different and it showed on the field.”

“They’ve got some really strong kids,” sixth-year MHS head coach Shane Phelan said by phone, “and they’re big too. Even bigger in person than what’s on paper, I think.”

And who played even bigger than that starting after the Cowboys drew first blood with a ten-yard, first-quarter touchdown run by power back Mitch Jacob -

one of the MHS hoopsters. IHS senior QB Shane Brooks quickly led a counterattack with his arm, then finished it with his legs from three yards out.

Junior Pedro Vigil added the PAT kick, and delivered Ignacio their first lead on a 24-yard field goal, for a 10-8 pad (Meeker quarterback Colton Brown had ran a two-point conversion earlier).

Brooks connected with Josh Plehinger on a 14-yard strike late in the first half and Vigil again added the point-after kick for a 17-8 advantage. But Brown, regrouping his team after being intercepted by Plehinger, bulled into the end zone just seconds before halftime to close the gap to 17-14.

“What really turned for us was when Meeker scored right before the half; we made all the plays to keep them out of the end zone - similar to the goal-line stands [Oct. 16] at Dolores,” Huerta explained. “The only difference was one mistake when we did not hit the QB on the play they scored on.”

And the difference for the rest of the game was the third quarter, which belonged to the Cowboys both figuratively and literally. All except for the last ticks of the clock, that is.

Depleting Ignacio’s energy beginning with receiving the kickoff, and coming away with what would be the winning score, MHS took a 22-17 lead on a Jacob run and then Jacob’s two-point conversion, capping and saluting a march lasting a torturous 11 minutes, 27 seconds.

“I think we just got frustrated with ourselves in the first half, just like with [previous opponent] Hotchkiss,” said Phelan. “And we finally got back to playing our game - what we needed to do.”

“Our plan was to get up early

and force Meeker to beat us with the passing game, which we were confident Meeker could not do,” Huerta said. “Oakley [Hayes], Josh were a big part of being able to accomplish just that.”

Indeed, the Butch-and-Sundance senior tandem were doubly dogged in their coverage (Plehinger had two interceptions, Hayes a fumble recovery), but even more deadly on offense. According to Huerta’s unofficial figures, Hayes caught eight passes for 121 yards while Plehinger snared eight for 107.

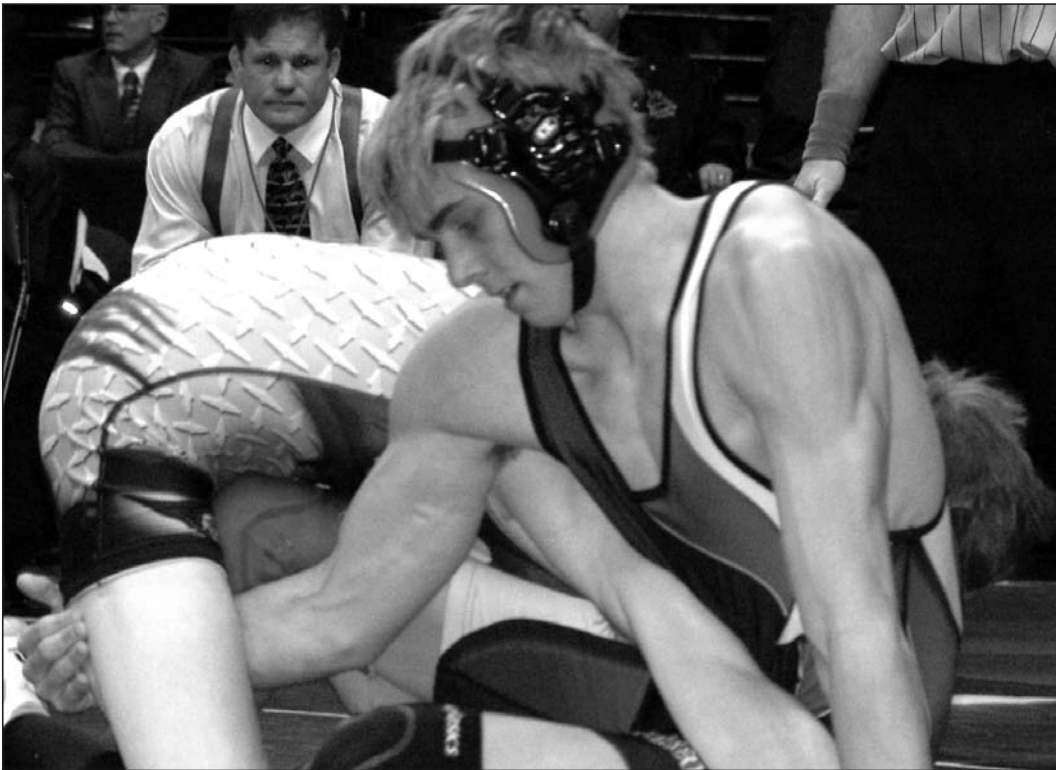
“We had not faced or seen any one team that could truly cover Oakley and Josh for a full game, one-on-one,” he stated. And Ignacio still hadn’t, even in defeat.

Jacob proved just as hard to stop, leading all rushers with 147 yards on 26 carries, while Brown was efficient (11-of-15, 136 yards, 0 TD passing; 6-for-29, 2 TD rushing) if not explosive. Tyrel Gerloff and Brock Campbell combined for another 85 yards on 16 carries, and Jacob, Trevor Matrisciano, and Ever Olivas each intercepted Brooks (9-37 rushing) once defensively.

“We had several opportunities to win that game down to the last couple of minutes,” said Huerta, already with three seasons under his belt. “I just told [the players] that I was very proud of them and grateful for the work and dedication they gave in the last three years we’ve been together.”

“I’ve seen too many bad seasons at Ignacio and it is a great feeling to be part of developing a winning program,” he continued. “But it’s the dedication the players give that makes a winning program, and we have been blessed with some unbelievable athletes.”

Love It, Want More Of It



It might take a small army to keep senior Josh Plehinger off the mat in the 2009-10 season as he returns to seek a state championship. He fought hard back in February's grand finale against Sedgwick County [Julesburg/Revere] then-junior Blayne Richards (pictured) at 130 pounds, but came up just short in an 8-3 loss. Plehinger is one of several state placers back for the Bobcats this season.

Now-sophomore Alex Pena will have all challengers in Class 2A seeking to prevent him from this type of elation again at the end of the 2009-10 wrestling season. Pena won the 112-pound state championship back in February (pictured), and will return along with several more placers from the sixth-place Bobcats. They open with consecutive action on December 3, 4, and 5—a dual at 5A Durango, a home dual against 3A Pagosa Springs, then the Bayfield Wolverine Invitational respectively.

photos Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

FOOTBALL FRENZY!

Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference
(2009 End-of-Season Standings)

Team	OVERALL			SPC		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
IGNACIO	7	3	.700	4	0	295/135
Dolores	5	5	.500	3	1	181/231
Sargent	5	4	.555	2	2	217/208
Del Norte	2	6	.250	1	3	130/251
Center	0	9	.000	0	4	123/398

State Playoffs - 1st Round Breakdown [seed numbers]:
Meeker [9] 28, at IGNACIO [8] 17; Dolores [12] 0, at Hotchkiss [5] 49
Crowley County [16] 0, at Yuma [1] 64; Lutheran [15] 0, at Akron [2] 43
Paonia [14] 27, at Rye [3] 56; Wiggins [13] 16, at Limon [4] 49
Wray [11] 10, at Burlington [6] 14; Byers [10] 19, at Lyons [7] 50

State Playoffs - Quarterfinals Breakdown:
Yuma 43, at Meeker 14; Hotchkiss 28, at Limon 35
Burlington 13, at Rye 38; Lyons 22, at Akron 42

State Playoffs - Remaining Rundown:
11/21 - Semifinals: Limon at Yuma, Akron at Rye
11/28 - Championship: TBA

[compiled by Joel Priest]

SunUte
Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Holiday
11/25 Open 6-5
11/26 Closed
11/27 Open 10am-2pm

Leonard C. Burch Day
12/10 Closed
12/11 Open 8am-5pm

Christmas Eve
12/24 Open 6am-5pm

Christmas Weekend
12/25 Closed
12/26 Closed
12/27 Closed

New Years Eve
12/31 Open 6am-5pm

New Years Day
1/1 Open 10am-2pm

Info: (970) 563-



Request For Proposal

PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES
THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

OWNER:
*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
(970) 563-0138*

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP from nationally certified building inspector to provide Plan Review and Inspection Services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe under the Construction and Project Management department to oversee construction and engineering projects for the tribe on a time and materials (T&M) basis. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 3:00 PM MDT, Friday, November 27, 2009.

Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at (970) 563-0138 or (atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member
Internship Opportunity - Restaurant Operations Intern
Digs Market Café

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Market Café (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Todd and Kellie Stevens are the owners of Digs Market Café and are currently involved with three other restaurants (two in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and one in Houston, Texas). Todd and Kellie have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Todd and Kellie and their experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations. Position Description: Digs Market Café in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant’s operation including: Host(ess), Cashier, Server, Bus staff, Prep Cook, Line Cook, Kitchen Management (ordering, scheduling), Front of House (FOH) Management (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), Bar Training (beer/wine knowledge), Catering (sales, service), Marketing, Basic Business – profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls – exposure to QuickBooks accounting software. The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. To Start Immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer – possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Market Café is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding “hands-on” training and experience. Qualifications: 18 years of age or older; High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required); Previous restaurant experience would be helpful – but not required. How to apply: Application available at Digs Market Café in Three Springs Essay: Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two page) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry. Additional Requirements: Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Market Café.

Sky Ute Sand & Gravel Truck Auction

Sky Ute Sand & Gravel will be holding a silent auction for used pickups from our operations. All vehicles will be sold in AS IS condition. Sealed bids only will be accepted. Bid submittals will be received no later than December 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened and reviewed on December 14, 2009. You may mail or drop by your bid at the addresses furnished above. The pickups will be on display at the Durango Mesa Yard and available for viewing on December 1, 2009 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 4101 CR 222, Durango, Colorado. (Please check in with Mary Ellen at the main office before viewing vehicles). All inquires are to be sent to Mary Ellen Brown at P.O. Box 350, Ignacio, CO 81137 or in person at 4101 CR 222, Durango, Colorado. If you have any questions please feel free to give Mary Ellen a call at (970) 563-5714.

2 WHEEL DRIVE PICKUPS			
Year	Model	Mileage	Unit
1995	Ford F250	150,000	4010
1993	Dodge D350	142,879	G22
2004	Chevy 1500	116,861	4114
2004	Chevy 1500	82,374	4113
2007	Chevy 1500	55,153	4072
2007	Chevy 1500	31,615	4071
2002	Chevy 1500	76,510	4070

4 WHEEL DRIVE PICKUPS			
Year	Model	Mileage	Unit
2002	Chevy 1500 Ext	211,370	4080
2004	Chevy 1500 Crew	151,490	4110
1999	Chevy 2500 Ext	118,000	G18
1988	GMC 2500 Ext	117,912	G10

October Meteorological Data
UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound

AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.			AVERAGE (Night) LOW TEMP.		
October	13.9 C	57.0 F	October	-0.3 C	31.5 F
AVERAGE DAILY TEMP.			PRECIPITATION DATA		
October	6 C	42.8 F	Date	Daily Total	
AVERAGE WINDSPEED			October 7	.184"	
Monthly Average			October 13	.34"	
October	5.1 MPH		October 20	.38"	
Maximum Hourly Average			October 21	.29"	
October 24, 2009	17.9 MPH		October 28	.08"	
			Monthly Total	1.27"	

Request For Proposal

MARKETING, ADVERTISING & WEB REDESIGN SERVICES FOR
THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

OWNER:
*Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
(970) 563-9583*

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum requests single-source proposals for marketing, advertising and Web site redesign for the new 52,000-square-foot facility scheduled for opening in June 2011. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum located at 14826 Highway 172 in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 3:30 PM MST, Monday, December 14, 2009. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. For a copy of the RFP, contact Marian Gilmore at (970) 563-

9583 or (mgilmore@southern-ute.nsn.us). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

See SkyUteCasino.com for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

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Veterans Raise Flags

In Celebration of Veteran's Day 2009, Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association; Rod Grove, Ronnie Baker, and Mike Stancampiano paid a visit to Ignacio High School and the Junior High for a formal flag raising. The Veterans also spoke with students about their experiences, the price of freedom, and the importance of education. Southern Ute Royalty was also present at the IHS flag raising (at left) Lil Miss Southern Ute (1st Alt) D'vondra Garcia watches intently as the flags are raised.



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Durango Veterans Parade



photos Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

Southern Ute Tribal Council Members and their families walk together with La Plata County Government Delegates during the Veteran's Parade in Durango, Colorado, held Saturday, November 14, 2009. Pictured in these photos are Southern Ute Executive Officer - John Valdez, and La Plata County Commissioner - Kelly Hotter. Steve and Veronica Herrera, La Plata County Commissioners - Joelle Riddle and Wally White, Southern Ute Executive Officer Andrew Frost and Southern Ute Chairman Matthew Box.

Attention All Tribal Members Listed

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| Maria C. Baker | Yolanda Williams Joy | Scott E. Taylor |
| James L. Box | Gary L. Jefferson | Mary Velasquez |
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- Please give
Tribal Information Services
a call at
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Season all firewood. All firewood should be split, securely covered or stored, and aged for at least six months. Seasoned wood burns hotter, cuts fuel consumption and reduces the amount of smoke your appliance produces.

Choose the right firewood. Hardwoods are the best. Never burn trash or treated wood which can emit toxic air pollutants.

Start it right. Use only clean newspaper or dry kindling to start a fire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter, or a propane torch.

Don't let the fire smolder. Many people think they should let a fire smolder overnight. But reducing the air supply does little for heating and increases air pollution.

Clean ashes from your wood-burning appliance. Excess ashes can clog the air intake vents reducing efficiency. Be sure to dispose of ashes in a metal container away from the house or any flammable material to reduce the risk of fire.

Keep your chimney clean. A clean chimney provides good draft for your wood-burning appliance and reduces the risk of a chimney fire. Have a certified professional inspect your chimney once a year.

Be a good neighbor. Follow best practices for burning wood and always remember to comply with state and local codes.

Follow instructions. Operate your wood-burning appliance according to the manufacturer's instructions and follow all maintenance procedures.

Upgrade to cleaner equipment. EPA-certified wood stoves and fireplace inserts burn cleaner and burn wood more efficiently emitting less particle pollution than older models.

Size matters. Choose the right-sized appliance for your needs. If your wood-burning appliance is too big for your room or house, the fuel will smolder and create more air pollution.



For more information on how to burn wise, go to www.epa.gov/burnwise



Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • PO Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Land Records Analyst

Closing Date 11/23/09 - Red Willow Production Co
Obtaining and maintaining orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, including leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions; and, maintaining lease records database.

Geologist Level V

Closing Date 11/24/09 - Red Willow Production Co.
Houston, TX. Identifying, managing and implementing projects requiring the application of advanced geosciences skills; performing and overseeing geologic interpretation work; and, assisting in developing prospect and play economics and identifying, evaluating and developing exploration and development opportunities.

SUIT Wildlife Division Seeks Tribal Member Advisory Board

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Wildlife Division are presently seeking interested enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This 7-member Board, first established by the Council in 2005, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members who are not already employed by the Tribe are compensated at an hourly rate for meeting participation. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to participate in all meetings is expected. To be eligible to serve on the Board, a Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. Also, knowledge of the Tribe's hunting and fishing resources and its approach to wildlife management is preferred. Eligible Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Interested eligible applicants will be considered for a Board appointment by the Tribal Council. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130.

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Bus Monitor

Open Until Filled - SUCAP Head Start
Work with bus driver to ensure the safety of children to and from the center. Must work well with the public, parents, & staff. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid certification. Must pass background checks & TB test.

Family Health Coordinator

Closes 11/30/09 - SUCAP Head Start (Full-time)
Seeking RN or LPN to support our families & staff. Responsible for nutrition services, coordination & tracking of health/wellness, medical, dental services for 127 children. Maintain current health records for all enrolled children & respond to their daily health needs. Work w/families to coordinate care w/community providers. 12 month position. Competitive salary, excellent benefits.

Substitute Transit Driver

Open Until Filled - SUCAP (Part-time)
High School Diploma/GED required. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Must have valid Colorado Drivers License and be insurable by SUCAP. Must pass drug/alcohol test, criminal history & child abuse/neglect background checks and pre-employment drug/alcohol screen. Applicants required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept.
P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Lifeguard

Closing Date 11/24/09 - Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Manager and/or Community Center Director.

Tribal Ranger

Closing Date 11/24/09 - Under the general supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies.

Admin. Asst./ DNR-Wildlife Resources Mngt.

Closing Date 11/24/09 - Performs office support for the Wildlife Resource Management Division, including reception, secretarial and office records management services.

Detention Officer

Closing Date 11/24/09 - Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center.

Construction & Project Manager

Closing Date 11/24/09 - Under general supervision of the Construction and Project Management Department Director, assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to start a construction project and to oversee the project through completion.

Clinical Director

Closing Date 12/09/09 - Contract Clinical Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center Clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

Financial Literacy Program Trainer

Open Until Filled - Trainer position for an Enrolled Tribal Member or local Native American to conduct classes for the Financial Literacy Program for Tribal Members. The goal of the Financial Literacy Program is to enhance the knowledge of Tribal Members in day to day financial decisions including banking, utilization of credit and investing.

Apprenticeship Program

Open Until Filled - This announcement is provided to obtain the interest of Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members who are interested in obtaining experience and training under any Tribal Department within the Permanent Fund. The Apprentice Committee will review all applications, select acceptable candidates, conduct interviews, and approach Tribal Departments to develop Apprentice training curriculums and positions. A limited number of slots will be available. This Program is provided for the Tribal Government and does not include the Growth Fund, KSUT, Sky Ute and Casino, SUCAP, or Housing.

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Lifeguard (5 positions)

Open Until Filled - Lifeguard activities at the SunUte Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Manager and/or Community Center Director.

SU Indian Tribe Job Hotline • (970) 563-4777

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.
**Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for 6 months.*

KSUT Seeks Board Member

KSUT Public Radio is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending monthly meetings with additional special meetings as needed. Dinner is provided. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr. at KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

SKY UTE LODGE & CASINO - POSITIONS

Human Resources Department: (970) 563-3387 • Fax: (970) 563-3367
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Restaurant Wait Staff - FT/PT

Round Cook - FT

Human Resources

Career Development Program

(CDP) Manager - PT

Marketing

Player Development Manager - FT

Retail

Retail Staff - PT

Salon

Cosmetologist - PT/OC

Table Games

Box Person - PT

Craps Dealer - FT

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Poker Supervisor - FT

Transportation

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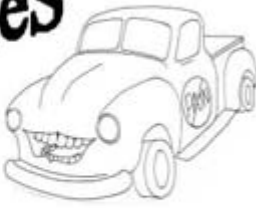
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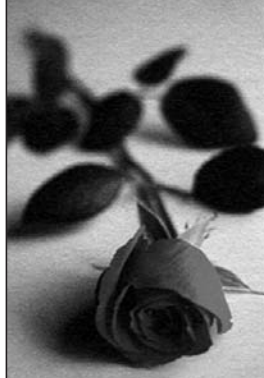
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Annual Southern Ute Veterans PowWow 2009

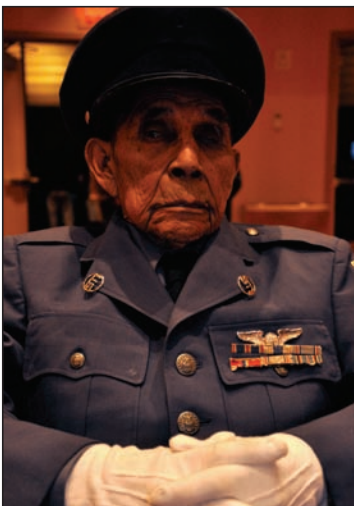


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our Armed Forces who serve and protect us. Over the years, they have made many sacrifices on our behalf and continue to do so today. They do not serve alone. Their families serve beside them. They do their jobs, no matter how difficult. We have a job, too, and it is to support them in words and deeds. It is only twice during the year that the Veterans have to celebrate their fellow service men and women. I would like to this opportunity to thank all our tribal members that made this Veterans

Day PowWow a huge success. We couldn't have done it with out you're help and support for our Men and Woman that have served in the Armed Forces. Thanks to the members of the committee, and all that they did, for the funds that were so willing put forth. Also a big THANKS for the Head Staff. We have so much to be thankful for Our Freedom, to be able to live our life as we want. Freedom is not free. Thank again! Thank the following Tribal

Members that supported our Veterans PowWow.
Jeff Jefferson Jr.
Council woman Scott-Rarick
Lalena Weasel
Pearl Casias
Devon Puerto
Sherry Monte
Lena Atencio
La Titia Taylor
Walter Howe
Rudely Weaver
Renée Weaver
Annette Sage
Councilman Al Cloud
Councilwoman Borst
Vice-Chair Newton
Tribal Council
Matt Olin
Most of all the staff at the Sky Ute Casino for all their hard work and support.
As we come to a close for the year of 2009 and go into a new year, may the Creator look down upon you as you travel down this road of life and take care of you and those that you hold dear. Thanks once again.

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